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DR. H.W. SINGER AT SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY; FIRST HILLMAN FOUNDATION LECTURER IN CANADA.

The Economics Department of Sir George Williams University, under the Sidney Hillman Foundation Lecture Series, announces a series of seminars and a public lecture to be given by Dr. H.W. Singer, Director of the Division of Industrial Planning and Policies at the United Nations.

On Friday, November 4 the public is invited to hear Dr. Singer speak on "A Perspective on the Development Decade". The lecture will take place in the theatre of the new Henry F. Hall Building, Burnside and Bishop Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Singer studied economics at the University of Bonn under Professor Schumpeter, and at King's College, Cambridge, under John Maynard Keynes. He took his Ph.D. in economics at Cambridge University in 1936. After that, he was a member of a group under the chairmanship of Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York, studying unemployment conditions in the depressed areas of Wales, Scotland and Northern England. This resulted in a series of publications, including "Men Without Work" (Cambridge University Press), and "Unemployment and the Unemployed" (Staples). Subsequently, he taught economics at the Universities of Manchester and Glasgow, and worked in the British Civil Service in London. He was awarded the Francis Wood Memorial Prize of the Royal Statistical Society in 1940 for his work on unemployment statistics.

He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1947 and is now Director of the Division of Industrial Planning and Policies of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. He was also attached, at various times, to the position of Special Advisor to the Under-Secretary of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations; to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, in Thailand. In 1961, he was the chairman of the Expert Committee set up by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to develop plans for the use of surplus food for the

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development of under-developed countries and the establishment of the United Nations World Food Programme. He acted as United Nations Advisor to the Governments of Brazil, Turkey, the Philippines and the Sudan. He is at present a member of the OECD Expert Committee on Technical Assistance Requirements.

Since 1947 he has been Professor of Economics in the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York, and is a Faculty Associate of Columbia University. He has lectured in Universities in many parts of the world. In 1964 he was Professor of Economics at Williams College, on leave of absence from the United Nations. At present he is Visiting Professor in the City University of the City Colleges of New York.

He is the author of numerous books and articles, and has helped to prepare many United Nations publications - among the more recent, "The United Nations Development Decade, Proposals for Action". A collection of some of his recent writings on economic development problems will shortly be published by McGraw Hill in their International Development Series under the title: "International Development, Growth and Change".

He was the Associate Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in Geneva, and is presently Director of the Division of Industrial Planning and Policies at the United Nations, New York.

His chief interest now is in the problems of under-developed countries and in economic growth.

Dr. Singer's appearance at Sir George Williams University marks the first Canadian venture sponsored by the Sidney Hillman Foundation. The Foundation was incorporated in 1947, the year after the death of Sidney Hillman, first President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and one of the leading trade union figures of the 20th century.

The Sidney Hillman Foundation Lecture Series is designed to serve two purposes. It brings to students and to the public the opportunity of meeting with and hearing from outstanding figures in various fields of endeavour. It also provides a wider forum for the ideas and experience of such outstanding figures.

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NOTE: You are cordially invited to a press conference given by Dr. Singer on Wednesday, November 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in room 665 of the Henry F. Hall Building, Bishop and Burnside Streets.

Kindly let Mr. Barry Rosenfeld (879-4008), Lecturer in Economics at Sir George Williams University, know if you will be attending.

The complete list of activities to which you are invited is as follows:

Wednesday, November 2:

2:30 p.m. - Press Conference

5:30 p.m. - Reception dinner.

Thursday, November 3:

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Seminar - "Current Policy Issues in Aid to Developing Countries".

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Seminar - "Industrialization of Developing Countries"

Friday, November 4:

11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. Seminar - "A Critique of Theoretical Models of Economic Growth".

8:30 p.m. ~~9:30 p.m.~~ Public Lecture - "A Perspective on the Development Decade"

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